WW2 – The Pacific

Where were They!

Belligerents – Allies & Axis

Belligerents

Main Allies:

- Republic of China[a]
- United States
- British Empire

See section *Participants* for further details.

Main Axis:

- Japan

See section *Participants* for further details.

Commanders and leaders

Main Allied leaders

- Chiang Kai-shek
- Franklin D. Roosevelt[c]
- Winston Churchill[d]

Main Axis leaders

- Hirohito

Source – Wikipedia (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pacific_War)

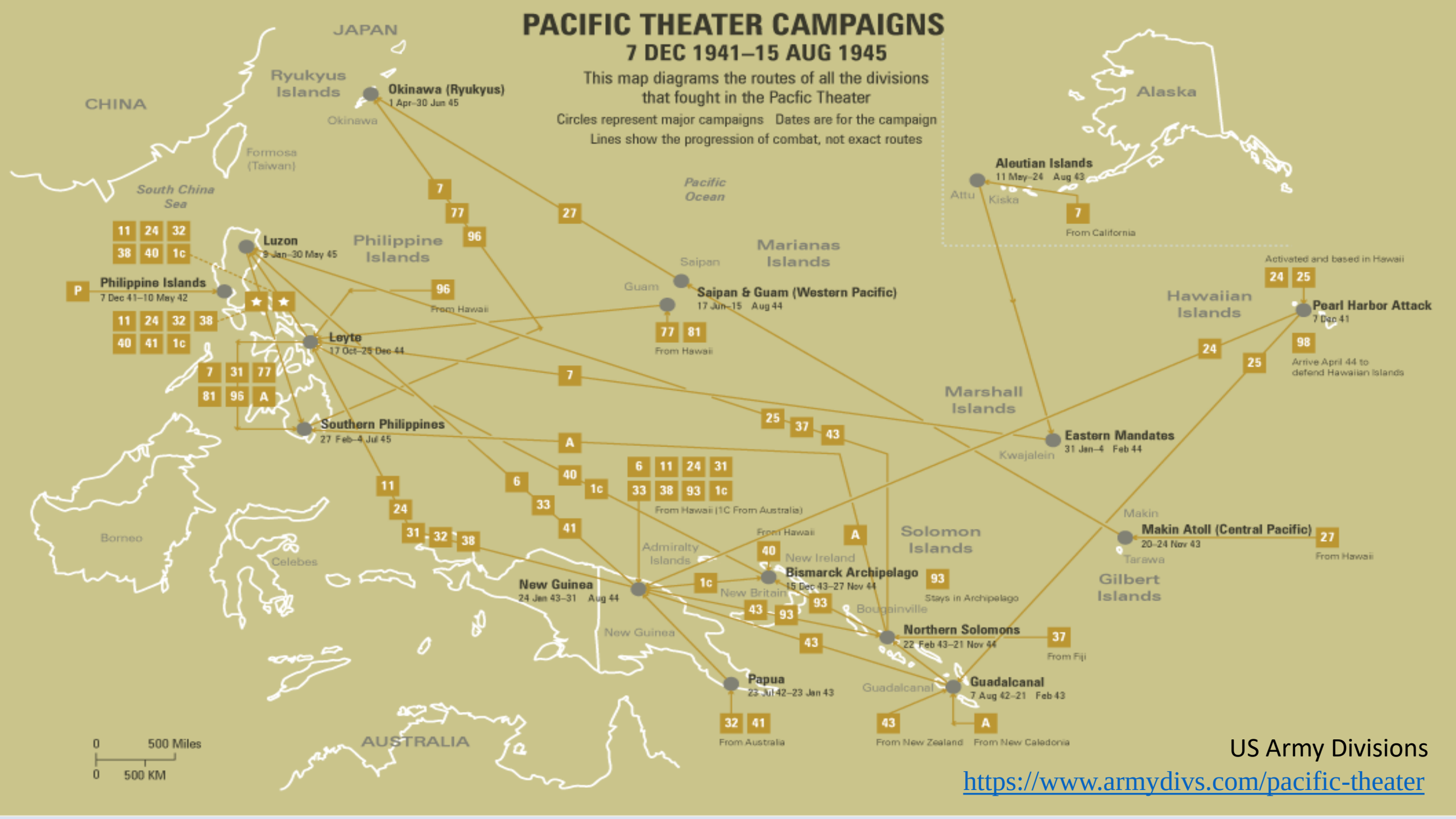
Strength

14,000,000[3]	7,800,000–7,900,000 (1945)[11][12][13]
3,621,383+ (1945)[nb 1]	126,500[14]
400,000[8]	, , and other puppets: ~1,000,000+ (1945)[15]
2,000,000[8]	
140,000[9][nb 2]	
1,747,465 (1945)[10]	

Casualties and losses

Military	**Military**
11 aircraft carriers	25 aircraft carriers
5 battleships	11 battleships
25 cruisers	39 cruisers
84 destroyers and destroyer escorts	135 destroyers
63 submarines[16]	131 submarines[33]
21,555+ aircraft[17]	43,125+ aircraft[34]
4,000,000+ dead (1937–1945)[nb 3]	2,500,000+ dead (1937–1945)[nb 5]
Civilian deaths	**Civilian deaths**
26,000,000+ (1937–1945)[nb 4]	1,000,000+[nb 6]

Source – Wikipedia (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pacific_War)



US Army Divisions

https://www.armydivs.com/pacific-theater

US Navy Fleet Operations 1945

The Naval History Museum has an extensive list of the Fleet Operations that is to long to list here.

Follow from the main page menu for the full list.

Research->Library->Online Reading Room->Title List Alphabetically

Each letter is a category of naval history

The link under “u”, shows the fleet org. in 1945.

https://www.history.navy.mil/research/library/online-reading-room/title-list-alphabetically/u/us-pacific-fleet-organization-1may1945.html

Marine Corp Operations

History of U.S. Marine Corps Operations in World War II

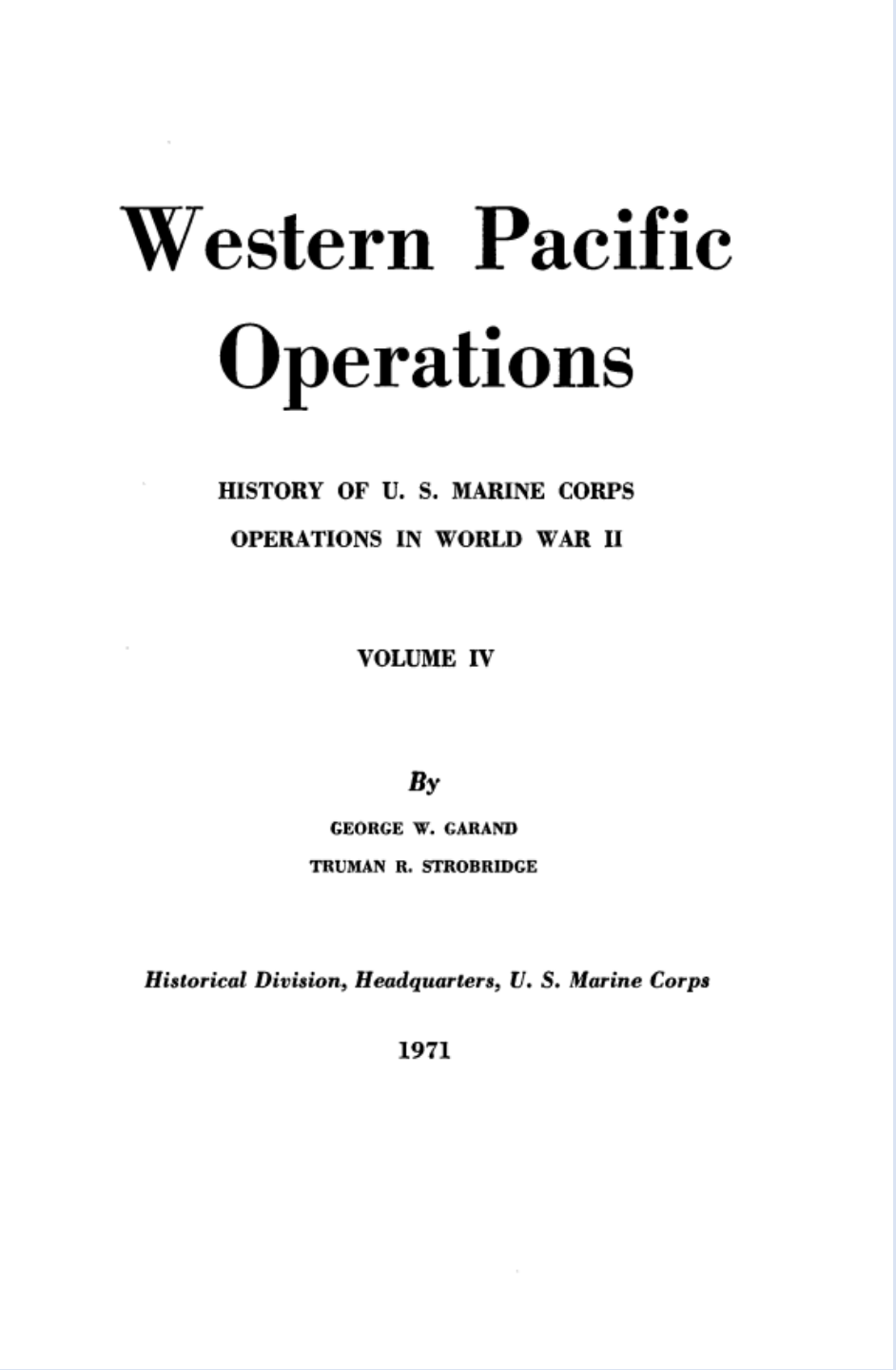
A list and synopsis of all five volumes is on Wikipedia.

In the Preface to Volume I, Maj. Gen. E.W. Snedeker, the Marine Corps Assistant Chief of Staff, wrote, "By publishing this operational history in a durable form, it is hoped to make the Marine Corps record permanently available for the study of military personnel, the edification of the general public, and the contemplation of serious scholars of military history."[6] Much of the content of the series was derived from 15 historical monographs describing individual campaigns which were prepared soon after the end of World War II. Some of the monographs were expanded by their original authors for inclusion in the current works, while other authors expanded the rest and wrote original material. Japanese sources which had not been available earlier were consulted.

In addition to the main text, each volume includes photographs, appendices, and maps. The appendices contain a chronology, orders of battle, statistics, and guides to military map symbols and abbreviations. Small maps are included within the text and larger ones fold out from inside the back cover. (Wikipedia)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_U.S._Marine_Corps_Operations_in_World_War_II

All five volumes can be found here. -> https://archive.org/details/PearlHarborToGuadacanal


Western Pacific Operations

HISTORY OF U. S. MARINE CORPS
OPERATIONS IN WORLD WAR II

VOLUME IV

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1971

Marine Corp Operations

This book is the fourth in the five-volume history of Marine Corps operations in World War II . The story of Peleliu, Iwo Jima, and Marine artillery and aviation in the Philippines, as previously narrated in separate detail in preliminary monographs, has been reevaluated and rewritten to depict events in proper proportion to each other and in correct perspective to the war as a whole .

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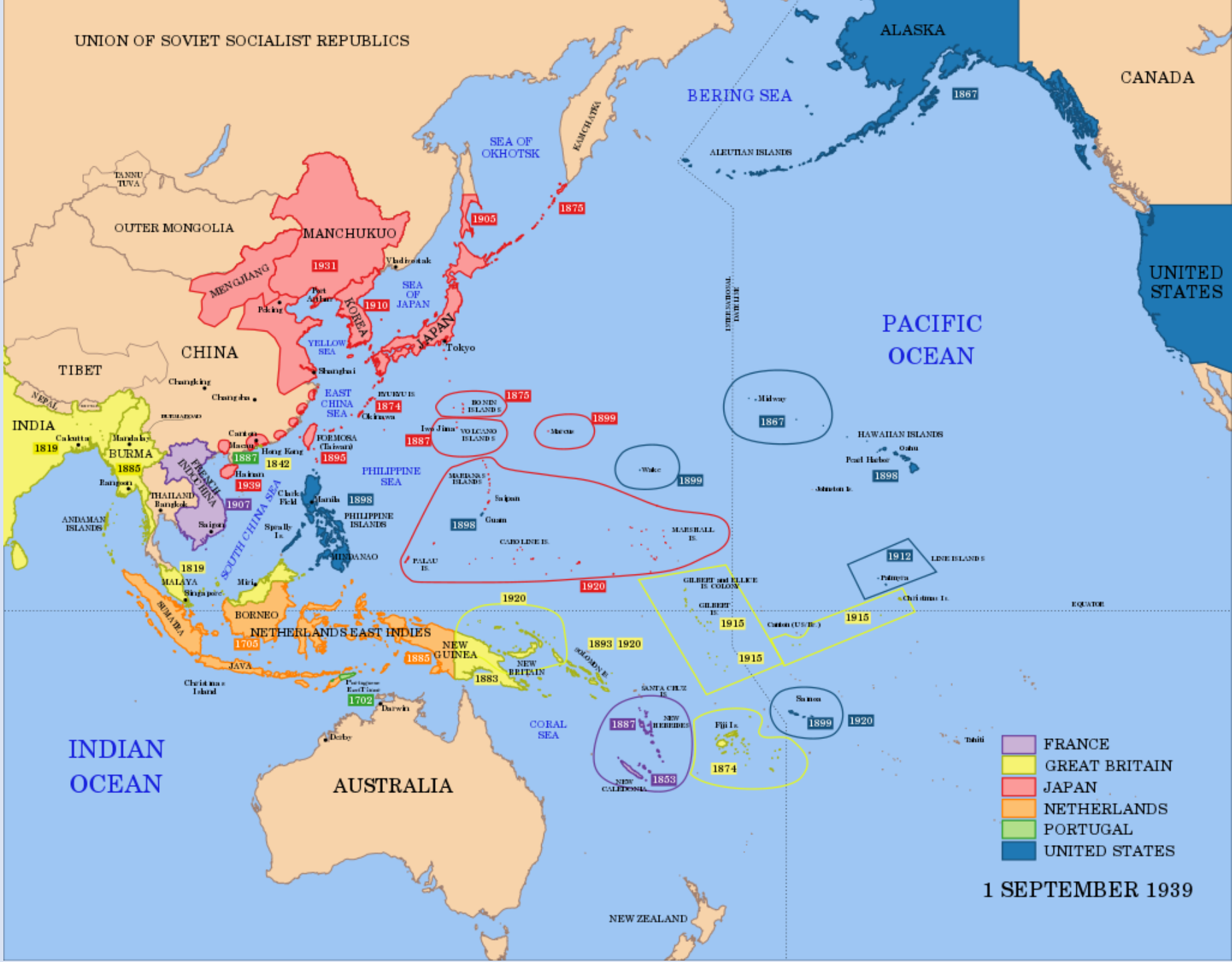
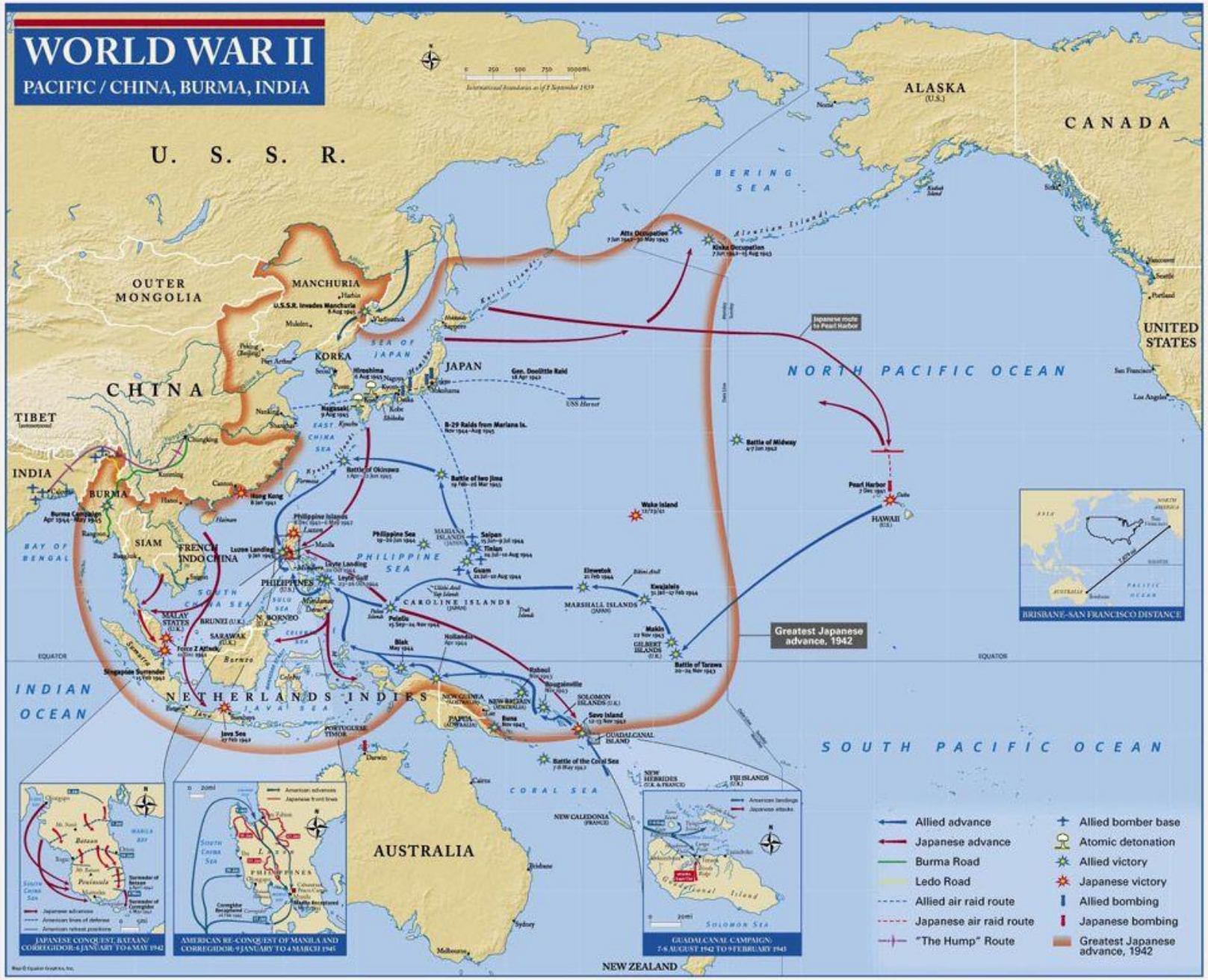


The Pacific Strategy

Japanese Sphere of Influence



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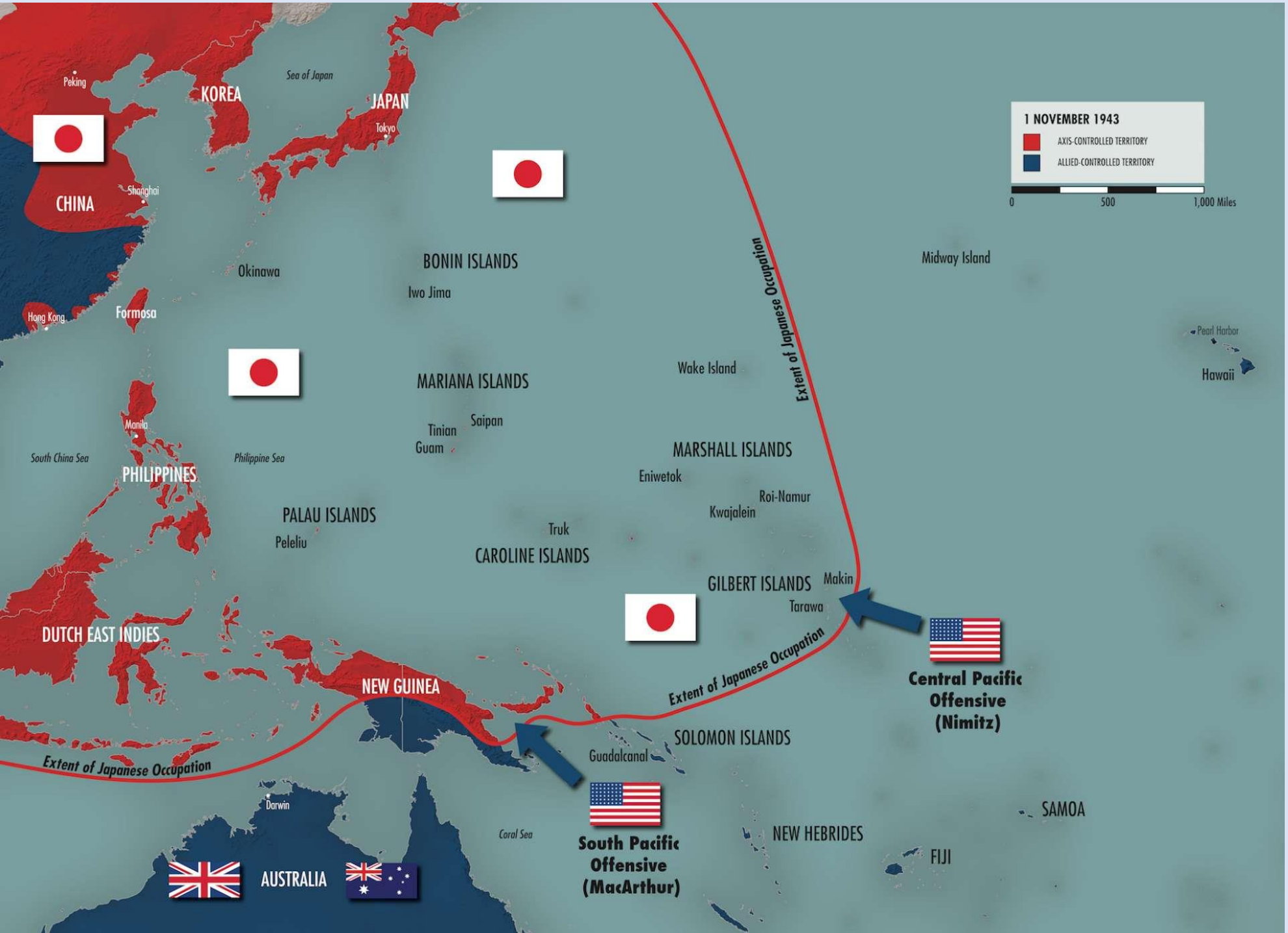

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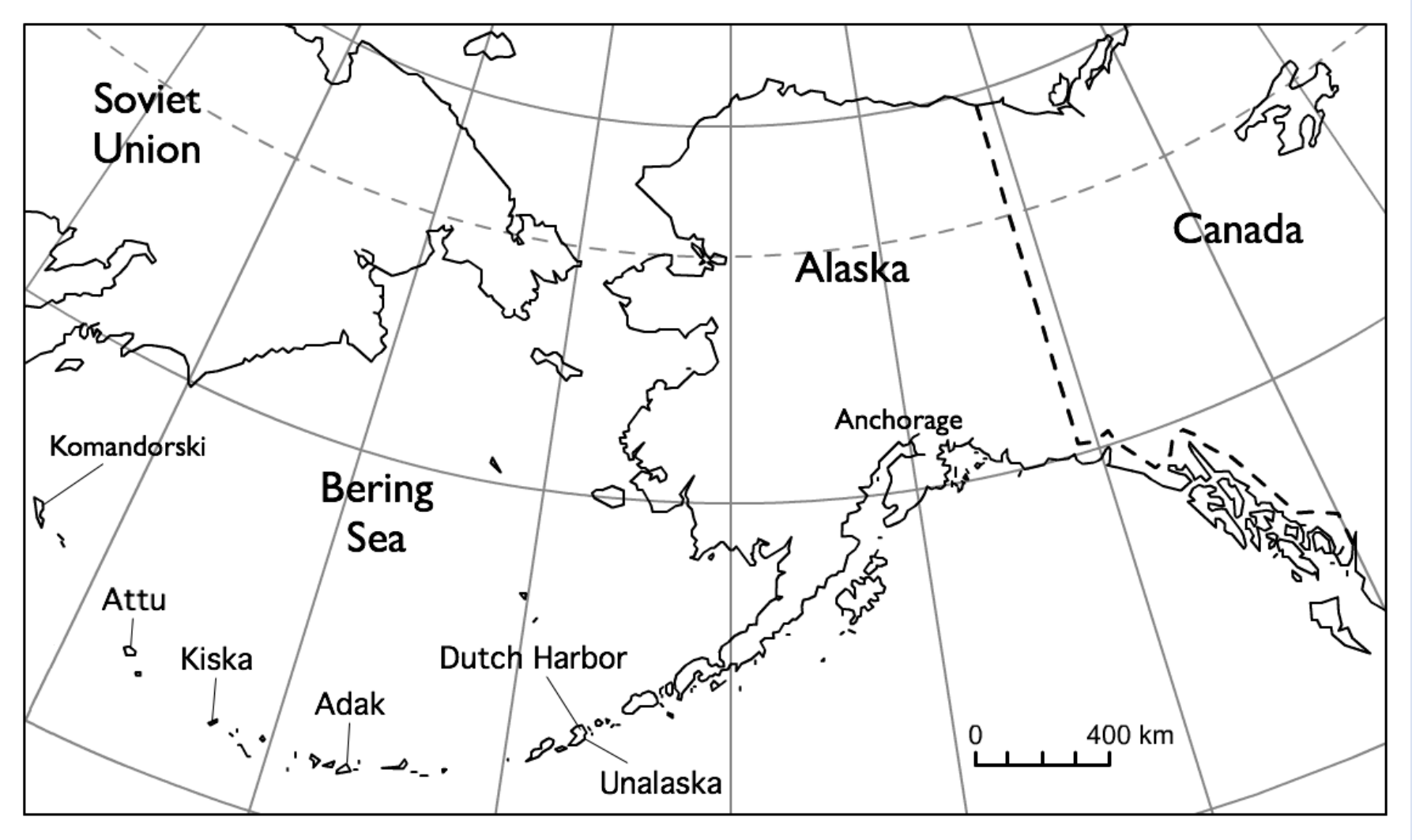
Alaska – The little-known WW2 Campaign
Aleutian Islands



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A Valuable Resource

Why?

- Because typical Unit Histories document the unit's formation, training, and when they were disbanded.
- Where they Served and their battles.
- A roster of the Unit's servicemen/servicewomen.
- Pictures (If you are lucky).

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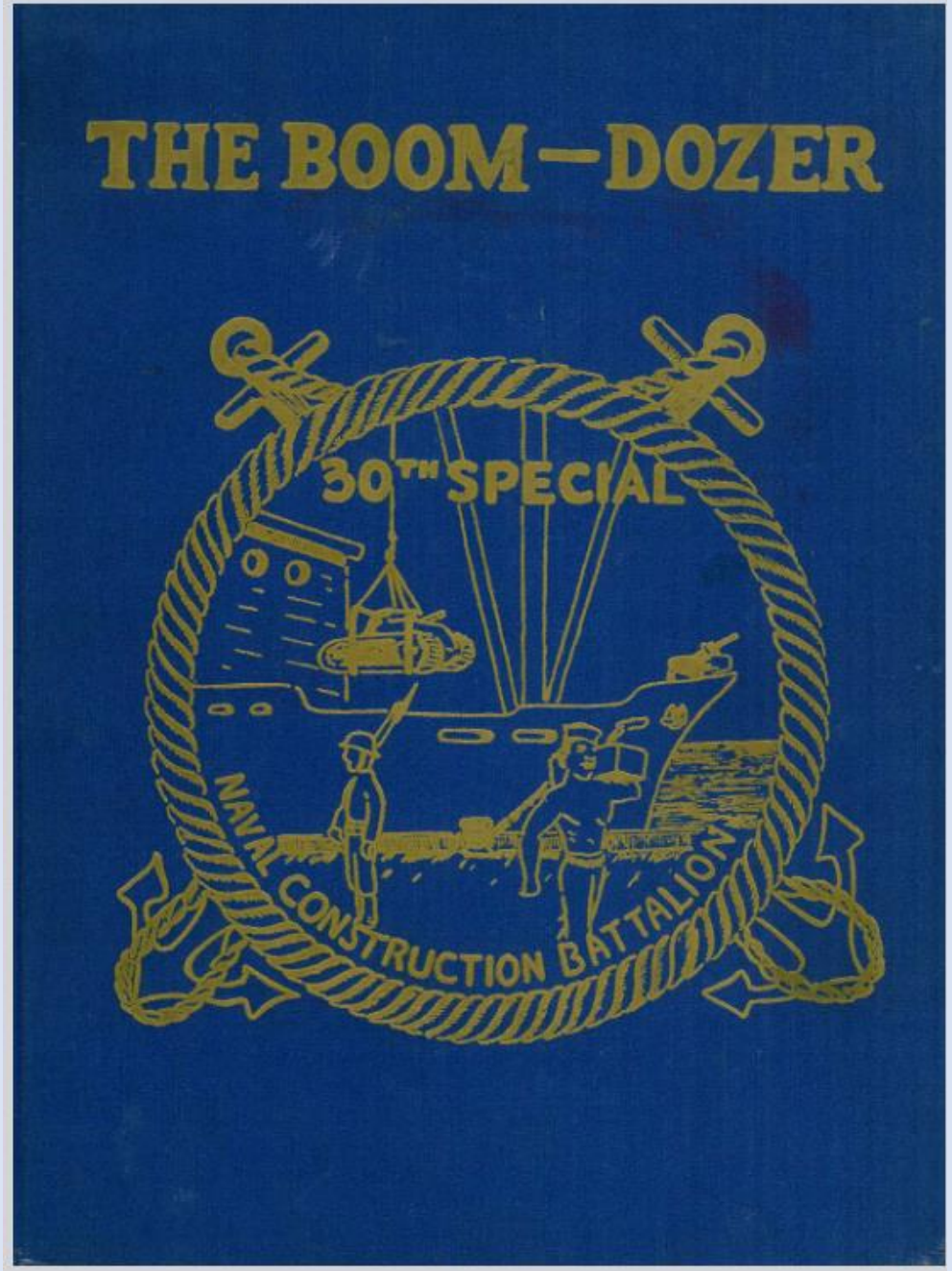

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Ward's Gang

Fourth's Gang

Johnson's Gang

Bell's Gang

Chief Romano—Morgan's Gang

Chief Weston—Smitty's Gang

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Other Resources

FamilySearch
https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/United_States_World_War_II_Unit_Histories

Unit Histories Website
https://unithistories.com/units_index/index.php?file=/units_index/units.php

National Archives
https://www.archives.gov/research/military/ww2

Access to Archival Databases (AAD)
https://aad.archives.gov/aad/index.jsp

National Museum of the Pacific War – Digital Collection
https://digitalarchive.pacificwarmuseum.org/

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